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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members, the guardrail system comprising:

a plurality of end post supports each comprising
a U-shaped body having a first segment for
removably fastening to an end of a respective pitched
roof member and having a second segment extending
outwardly from the respective pitched roof member with a
gap therebetween defined by the U-shape,

a post receiver connected to an upper end of
the second segment of said U-shaped body, and

a stabilizer carried by said U-shaped body for
extending against an adjacent wall portion below the
pitched roof;

a respective post carried by the post receiver of
each end post support; and

rail members connected between adjacent posts.

2. (previously presented) A guardrail system
according to Claim 1 wherein the first segment of said U-
shaped body has a plurality of openings therein to receive
respective removable fasteners.

3. (previously presented) A guardrail system
according to Claim 1 wherein said stabilizer comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and

a stabilizer receiver connected to said U-shaped body

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for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

4. (previously presented) A guardrail system according to Claim 3 further comprising a transverse stabilizer member connected to an end of said elongate stabilizer member.

5. (previously presented) A guardrail system according to Claim 1 further comprising a kick member bracket carried by the upper end of the second segment of said U-shaped body for receiving a kick member therein.

6. (previously presented) A guardrail system according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a plurality of gable post supports, each comprising a body having a first end for removably fastening to a pitched roof member along a gable portion thereof, and a post receiver carried by said body;

a respective post carried by the post receiver of each gable post support; and

rail members connected between adjacent posts.

7. (previously presented) A guardrail system according to Claim 6 wherein said body comprises a gable plate to be removably connected to the pitched roof member, and an elongate gable member extending outwardly from said gable plate.

8. (previously presented) A guardrail system according to Claim 7 wherein said post receiver is selectively

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positionable along said elongate gable member.

9. (previously presented) A guardrail system according to Claim 6 wherein each gable post support further comprises a stabilizer carried by a second end of the body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

10. (previously presented) A guardrail system according to Claim 9 wherein said stabilizer comprises:
an elongate stabilizer member; and
a stabilizer receiver connected to said body for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

11. (previously presented) A guardrail system according to Claim 10 further comprising a transverse stabilizer member connected to an end of said elongate stabilizer member.

12. (previously presented) An end post support for a guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the end post support comprising:

a U-shaped body having a first segment for removably fastening to an end of a roof member of the pitched roof, and having a second segment extending outwardly from the roof member with a gap therebetween defined by the U-shape;

a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of said U-shaped body; and

a stabilizer carried by said U-shaped body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

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13. (previously presented) An end post support according to Claim 12 wherein the first segment of said U-shaped body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners.

14. (previously presented) An end post support according to Claim 12 wherein said stabilizer comprises:
an elongate stabilizer member; and
a stabilizer receiver connected to said U-shaped body for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

15. (previously presented) A gable post support for a guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the gable post support comprising:

a body having a first end for removably fastening to a pitched roof member of the pitched roof along a gable portion thereof;

a post receiver carried by said body; and

a stabilizer carried by a second end of the body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

16. (previously presented) A gable post support according to Claim 15 wherein said body comprises a gable plate to be removably connected to the pitched roof member, and an elongate gable member extending outwardly from said gable plate.

17. (previously presented) A gable post support according to Claim 16 wherein said post receiver is

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selectively positionable along said elongate gable member.

18. (previously presented) A gable post support according to Claim 15 wherein said stabilizer comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and

a stabilizer receiver connected to said body for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

19. (previously presented) A method of installing a guardrail system on a pitched roof of a building, the pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members, the method comprising:

connecting a plurality of end post supports to ends of respective pitched roof members, each end post support comprising

a U-shaped body having a first segment for removably fastening to the end of the respective pitched roof member and having a second segment extending outwardly from the respective pitched roof member with a gap therebetween defined by the U-shape,

a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of the U-shaped body, and

a stabilizer carried by the U-shaped body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof;

connecting a respective post to the post receiver of each end post support; and

connecting rail members between adjacent posts.

20. (previously presented) A method according to

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Claim 19 wherein the first segment of the U-shaped body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners.

21. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 19 wherein the stabilizer comprises an elongate stabilizer member; and further comprising adjustably receiving the elongate stabilizer member in a stabilizer receiver connected to the U-shaped body.

22. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 21 further comprising connecting a transverse stabilizer member to an end of the elongate stabilizer member.

23. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 19 further comprising connecting a kick member bracket to the upper end of the second segment of the U-shaped body for receiving a kick member therein.

24. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 19 further comprising removably fastening a plurality of gable post supports to the pitched roof members along a gable portion thereof.

25. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 24 wherein each of the plurality of gable post supports comprises:

 a body having a first end for removably fastening to roof members along a gable portion thereof; and
 a post receiver carried by the body.

26. (previously presented) A method according to

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Claim 25 wherein the body comprises a gable plate to be removably connected to the roof member; and further comprising extending an elongate gable member outwardly from the gable plate.

27. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 26 further comprising selectively positioning the post receiver along the elongate gable member.

28. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 25 wherein each gable post support further comprises a stabilizer carried by a second end of the body; and further comprising extending the stabilizer against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

29. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 28 wherein the stabilizer comprises an elongate stabilizer member; and further comprising adjustably receiving the elongate stabilizer member in a stabilizer receiver connected to the body.

30. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 29 further comprising connecting a transverse stabilizer member to an end of the elongate stabilizer member.

31. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 19 further comprising connecting the plurality of end post supports to ends of the pitched roof members while at ground level.

32. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 19 further comprising connecting the plurality of end

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post supports to ends of the pitched roof members from an elevated platform.

33. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 24 further comprising removably fastening the plurality of gable posts supports to the pitched roof member while at ground level.

34. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 24 further comprising removably fastening the plurality of gable posts supports to the pitched roof member from an elevated platform.

35. (new) A temporary guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members, the guardrail system comprising:

- a plurality of end post supports each comprising
 - a body having a first segment for removably fastening to an end of a respective pitched roof member and having a second segment extending outwardly from the respective pitched roof member,

- a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of said body, and

- a stabilizer carried by said body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof;

- a respective post carried by the post receiver of each end post support; and

- rail members connected between adjacent posts.

36. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to

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Claim 35 wherein the first segment of said body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners to temporarily secure said body to a side of the end of the respective pitched roof member.

37. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to Claim 35 wherein said stabilizer comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and

a stabilizer receiver connected to said body for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

38. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to Claim 37 further comprising a transverse stabilizer member connected to an end of said elongate stabilizer member.

39. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to Claim 35 further comprising a kick member carried by the upper end of the second segment.

40. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to Claim 35 further comprising:

a plurality of gable post supports, each comprising a gable body having a first end for removably fastening to a pitched roof member along a gable portion thereof, and a post receiver carried by said gable body;

a respective post carried by the post receiver of each gable post support; and

rail members connected between adjacent posts.

41. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to

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Claim 40 wherein said gable body comprises a gable plate to be removably connected to the pitched roof member, and an elongate gable member extending outwardly from said gable plate.

42. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to Claim 41 wherein said post receiver is selectively positionable along said elongate gable member.

43. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to Claim 40 wherein each gable post support further comprises a gable stabilizer carried by a second end of said gable body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

44. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to Claim 43 wherein said gable stabilizer comprises:
an elongate stabilizer member; and
a stabilizer receiver connected to said gable body for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

45. (new) A temporary guardrail system according to Claim 44 further comprising a transverse stabilizer member connected to an end of said elongate stabilizer member.

46. (new) A method of installing a temporary guardrail system on a pitched roof of a building, the pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members, the

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method comprising:

connecting a plurality of end post supports to ends of respective pitched roof members, each end post support comprising

a body having a first segment for removably fastening to the end of the respective pitched roof member and having a second segment extending outwardly from the respective pitched roof member,

a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of the body, and

a stabilizer carried by the body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof;

connecting a respective post to the post receiver of each end post support; and

connecting rail members between adjacent posts.

47. (new) A method according to Claim 46 wherein the first segment of the body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners to temporarily secure the body to a side of the end of the respective pitched roof member.

48. (new) A method according to Claim 46 wherein the stabilizer comprises an elongate stabilizer member; and further comprising adjustably receiving the elongate stabilizer member in a stabilizer receiver connected to the body.

49. (new) A method according to Claim 48 further comprising connecting a transverse stabilizer member to an end

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of the elongate stabilizer member.

50. (new) A method according to Claim 46 further comprising connecting a kick member to the upper end of the second segment of the body.

51. (new) A method according to Claim 46 further comprising removably fastening a plurality of gable post supports to the pitched roof members along a gable portion thereof.